

PEPPERELL'S
"PLAY IT SAFE"
COMIC
BOOK

DO WE
QUALIFY,
POP?

JACK BLISS

Dear Reader:

There has been so much interest shown in the Safety Cartoons that cartoonist Jack Bliss prepared specially for Pepperell, we thought you might enjoy having a collection of them.

You'll find them in this booklet, and we hope that you get as much fun out of reading them as we have had in getting them ready for you.

Your Safety Committee
PEPPERELL MANUFACTURING COMPANY

YOUR HOME

WHO? ME?



— IS IT A
SAFE PLACE
TO LIVE IN?

SOMEBODY OUGHTA
GIVE HIM A "BRIEFING"
BEFORE THEY TURN HIM
LOOSE IN THIS JOINT!
UNLESS YOU'RE WISE TO
THE DANGER SPOTS,
YOU'RE NEVER MORE
THAN TWO JUMPS
OUTA THE HOSPITAL.

OH! OH!
THAT REMINDS ME!
I LEFT THE FLOOR MOP
ACROSS THE CELLAR STAIRS,
AND WHEN I POURED THE
IODINE INTO THAT EMPTY
ARGYROL BOTTLE
I DIDN'T
CHANGE THE
LABEL.

BOY!
WAS THAT A SWELL
TAKE-OFF! BUT
THE LANDING'S
NOT SO GOOD.

BANG!
BANG!



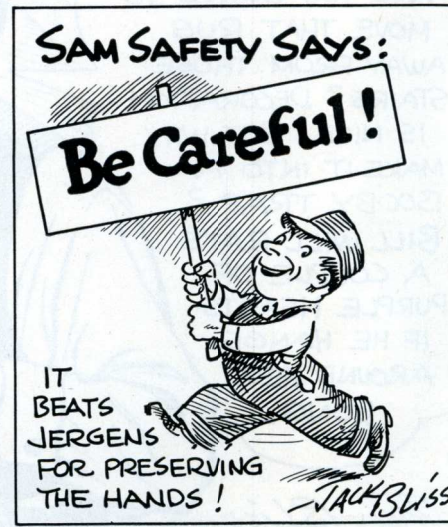
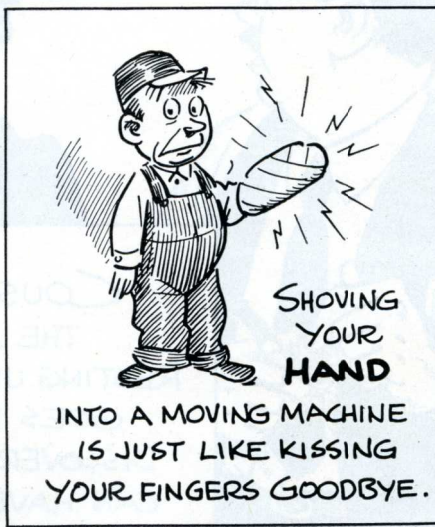
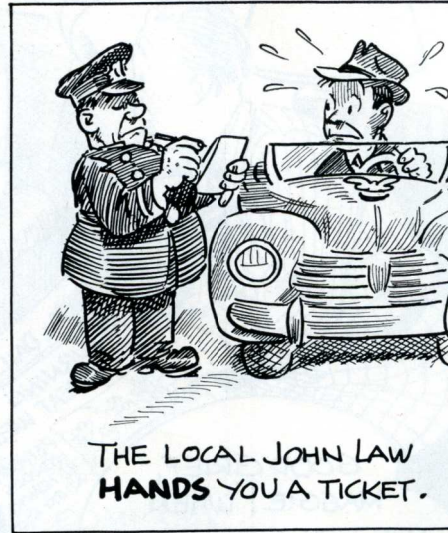
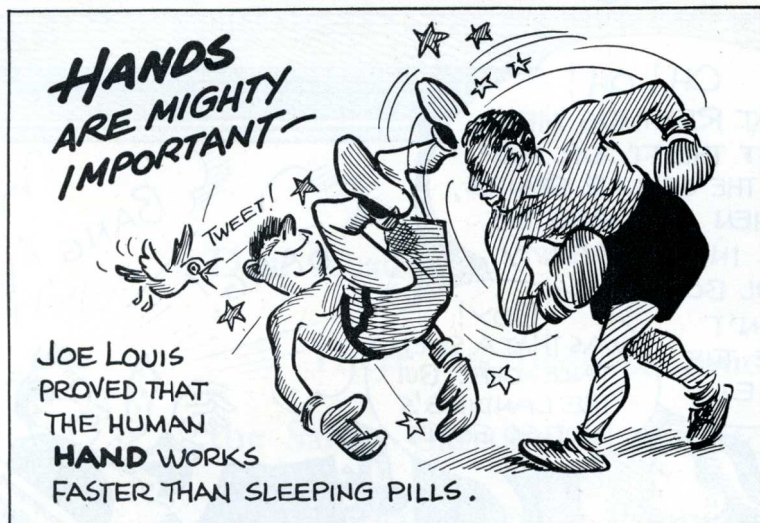
HEAVENS!
WAS IT THAT
SCATTER RUG
AT THE HEAD OF
THE STAIRS, OR
DID HE STEP ON
ONE OF CLEO'S
ROLLER
SKATES?

GOOD GRIEF,
MAGGIE! WHEN
ARE YOU GOING TO
MOVE THAT RUG
AWAY FROM THOSE
STAIRS? DECORATION
IS NICE, BUT WHY
MAKE IT INTO A
BOOBY TRAP?
BILL WILL RATE
A COUPLE OF
PURPLE HEARTS
IF HE HANGS
AROUND HERE
LONG.

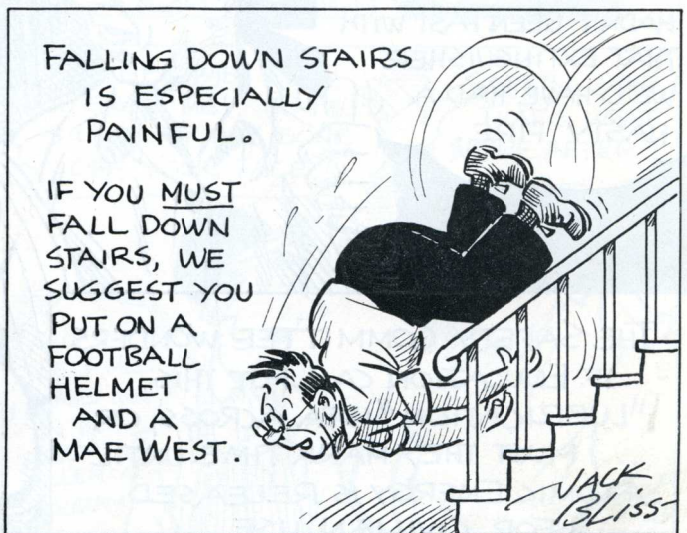
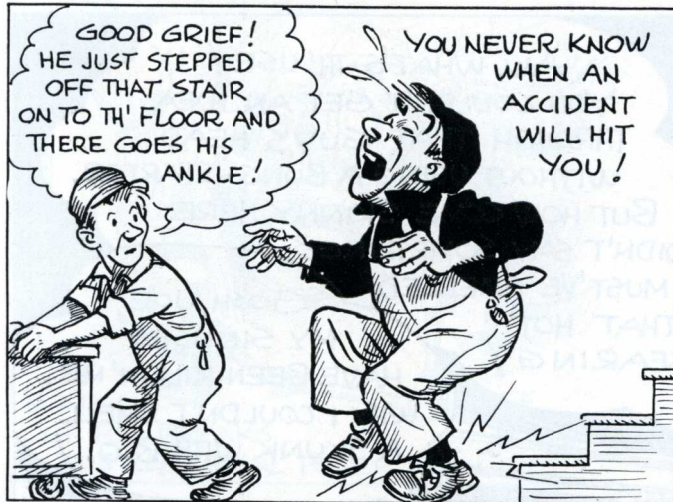


COUSIN BILL, JUST OUT OF
THE AIR FORCE, AND
RESTING UP A BIT BEFORE HE
GOES BACK TO THE MILL,
DISCOVERS THAT HOME-LIFE
CAN HAVE ITS CRACK-UPS.

JACK BLISS



Don't Let the Movies Fool You **A FALL** IS NOT FUNNY!





LOOK, BUTCH! IT'S JUST LIKE
WE'VE BEEN TELLING YOU.
YOU GOTTA KEEP THOSE
BEARINGS OILED, SEE?

IF Y'DON'T, THEY GET HOT
AND THAT LINT
CATCHES FIRE.
WHAT HAVE WE
GOTTA DO?
PRINT IT ON YOUR
WHEATIES?

AW, WHY
ALL THE TALK!
THE BEARING
GOT HOT.
SO WHAT!

AW, WHAT'S TH' USE!
YOU COULDN'T GET AN IDEA
THROUGH THAT GUY'S HEAD
WITHOUT USING A BUNG-STARTER.
BUT HOW COME SKINNY HERE
DIDN'T SAY SOMETHING?
HE MUST'VE SMELLED
THAT HOT
BEARING!

GOSH, JOE,
MY SINUSES
HAVE BEEN KILLIN' ME.
WHY I COULDN'T SMELL
A SKUNK WITH B.O.!

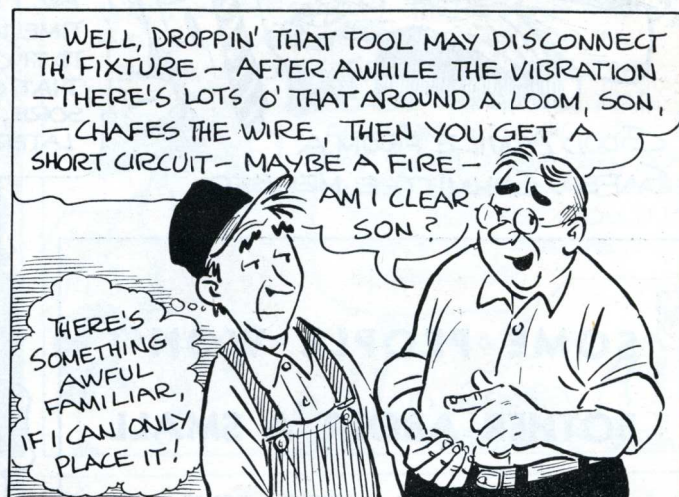
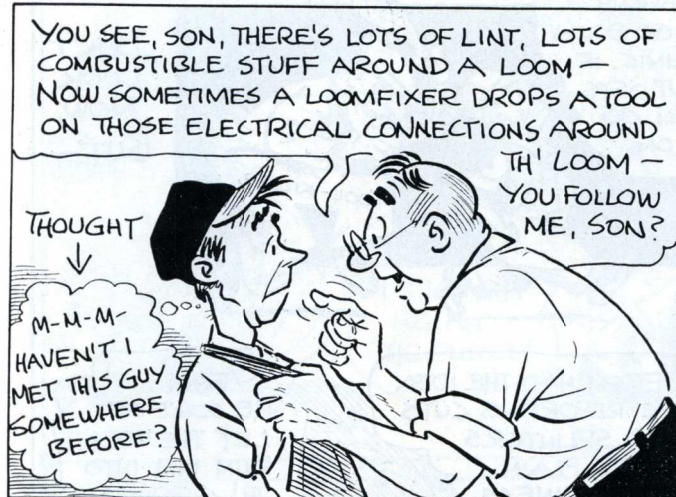
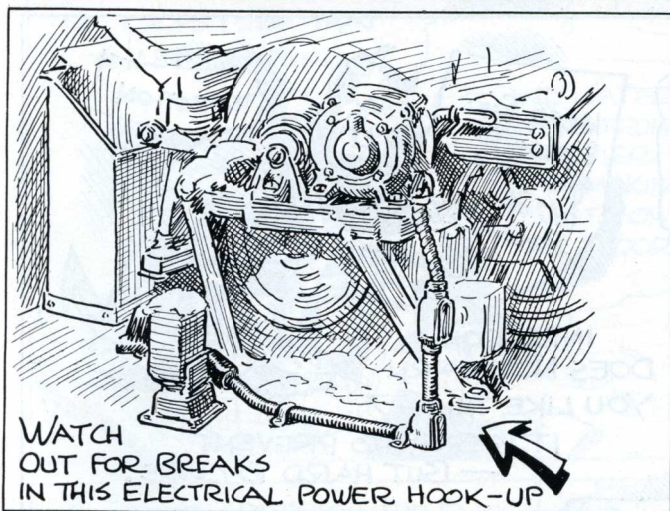
WHY DOES HE
ARGUE ABOUT IT?
HE LET THE BEARING
GET HOT, AND IF YOU
HADN'T BEEN FAST WITH
THAT EXTINGUISHER
WE'D HAVE HAD A
NASTY FIRE.

THE SAFETY COMMITTEE WONDERS
IF EDUCATION CAN PUT THIS
"LUBRICATION" IDEA ACROSS, OR
.... MUST THEY MARK TIME UNTIL
ATOMIC ENERGY IS RELEASED
FOR CIVILIAN USE.

I DON'T KNOW!
MAYBE A MONKEY
STOWED AWAY IN HIS
FAMILY TREE. A FEW SQUIRTS
FROM AN OIL CAN AND WE'D
HAD NONE OF THIS TROUBLE.
BUT NO! LAME-BRAIN
HAS T'DO IT THE
HARD WAY!

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REPORT ALL LOOSE OR BROKEN ELECTRICAL CONNECTIONS



The CLINIC = IT IS FOR YOUR PROTECTION....

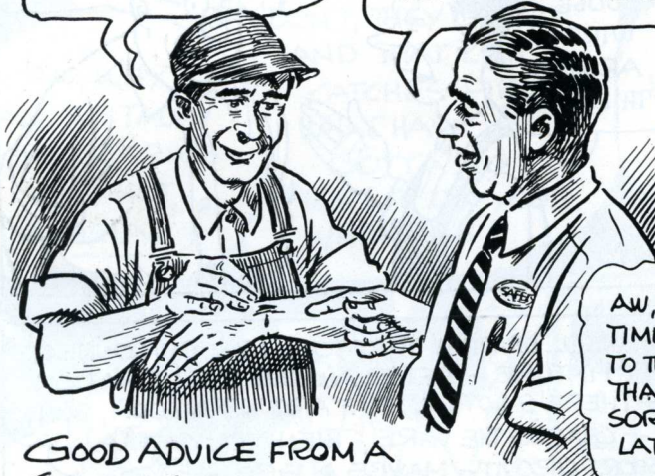
REPORT ALL INJURIES AT ONCE!



IF YOU WAIT, I'LL GET YOU!

AW WHY WORRY ABOUT THESE LITTLE CUTS! I'VE GOT TOO MUCH ON ME MIND RIGHT NOW.

LOOK, JOE! THE TIME TO GET THAT CUT FIXED IS NOW! YOU STALL ALONG AND IT MAY TAKE SOME TIME TO HEAL.



GOOD ADVICE FROM A SAFETY COMMITTEE MEMBER

Hear Sir: I plan to give you a lot of trouble



INFECTION DOES NOT WARN YOU LIKE THIS →

IT IS EASY TO PREVENT — BUT HARD TO CURE.

AW, I HAVEN'T TIME TO GO DOWN TO TH' CLINIC. IF THAT CUT GETS SORE, I'LL GO LATER ON.



DON'T LOOK NOW, BUT—

SOME PEOPLE WON'T BOTHER ABOUT A SMALL CUT OR SPLINTER UNLESS IT STARTS TO HURT. BUT THAT MAY BE TOO LATE. PLAY SAFE — REPORT TO THE CLINIC RIGHT AWAY.

EBEN HAD THE IDEA THAT REPORTING CUTS AND SPLINTERS WAS PLAIN FOOLISHNESS

YEAH! HE SORT OF LET THE IDEA RUN HIM INTO TH' GROUND



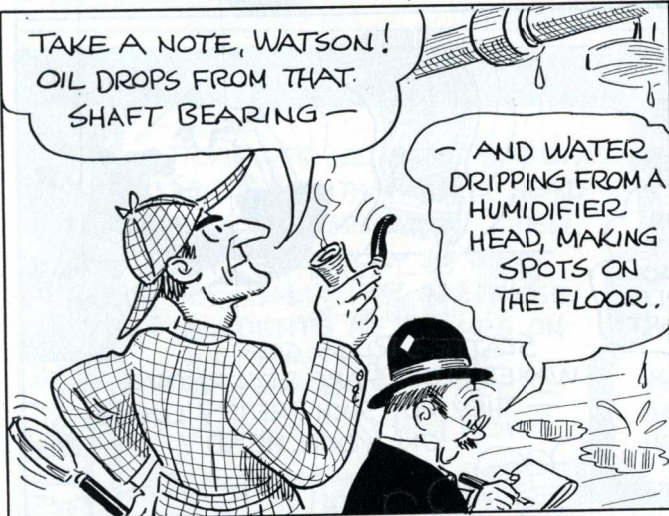
NOTICE
ANY RESEMBLANCE IN THIS CARTOON TO "INFECTIOUS" HUMOR IS PURELY COINCIDENTAL.

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SHERLOCK SAFETY

...THE CASE OF THE DANGEROUS OIL AND WATER SPOTS.



TAKE A NOTE, WATSON!
OIL DROPS FROM THAT
SHAFT BEARING —

— AND WATER
DRIPPING FROM A
HUMIDIFIER
HEAD, MAKING
SPOTS ON
THE FLOOR.



MY MAMA
'N' MY PAPA
SAY I NO
CAN DO



OBSERVE THIS
CHARACTER APPROACHING,
WATSON!
I DEDUCE THAT
HIS MIND
IS NOT
ENTIRELY
ON TOIL!

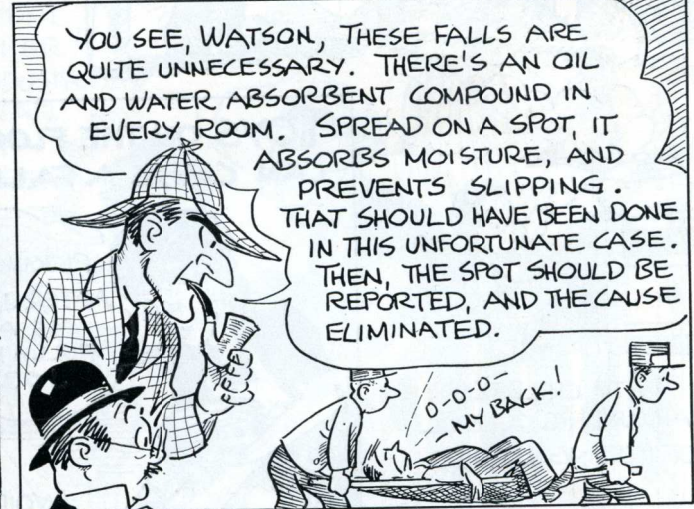
RA-THER!



THOSE SPOTS ON THE FLOOR!
OH! OH!! HE HIT
THE JACKPOT!

MY WORD!
I THOUGHT
HE HIT
THE FLOOR!

THE SPOTS ↑



YOU SEE, WATSON, THESE FALLS ARE
QUITE UNNECESSARY. THERE'S AN OIL
AND WATER ABSORBENT COMPOUND IN
EVERY ROOM. SPREAD ON A SPOT, IT

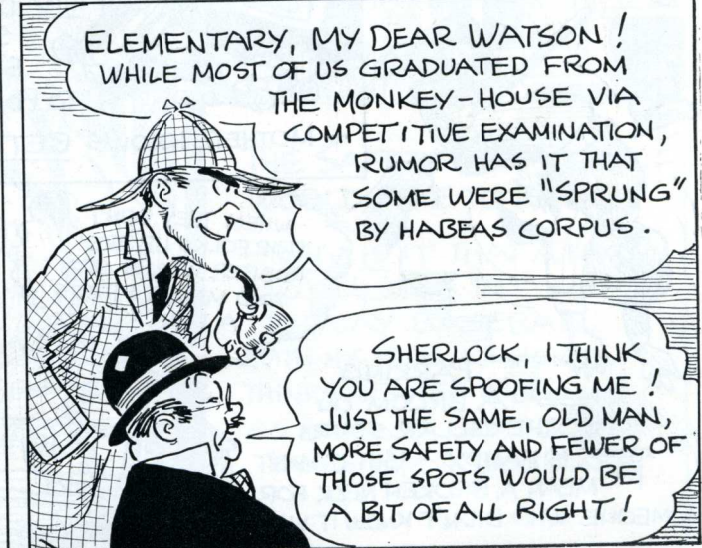
ABSORBS MOISTURE, AND
PREVENTS SLIPPING.
THAT SHOULD HAVE BEEN DONE
IN THIS UNFORTUNATE CASE.
THEN, THE SPOT SHOULD BE
REPORTED, AND THE CAUSE
ELIMINATED.

O-O-O-
— MY BACK!



GREAT HEAVENS,
SHERLOCK! THEN WHY
ISN'T THIS GOOD
SAFETY PRACTISE
ALWAYS
FOLLOWED?

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ELEMENTARY, MY DEAR WATSON!
WHILE MOST OF US GRADUATED FROM
THE MONKEY-HOUSE VIA
COMPETITIVE EXAMINATION,
RUMOR HAS IT THAT
SOME WERE "SPRUNG"
BY HABEAS CORPUS.

SHERLOCK, I THINK
YOU ARE SPOOFING ME!
JUST THE SAME, OLD MAN,
MORE SAFETY AND FEWER OF
THOSE SPOTS WOULD BE
A BIT OF ALL RIGHT!

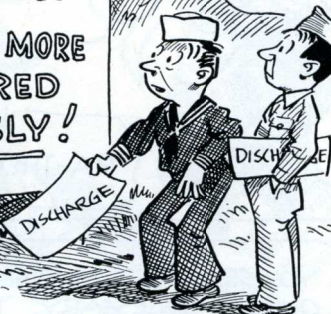
HAVE YOU A DATE... WITH AN ACCIDENT?



EVERY YEAR
ACCIDENTS
AROUND THE HOME
KILL NEARLY
32,000 PEOPLE
IN AMERICA.
3,500,000 MORE
ARE INJURED
SERIOUSLY!

MAYBE
WE SHOULD
STAYED IN
TH' SERVICE!

FALLIN' DOWN
STAIRS DON'T
GET YOU NO
PURPLE
HEART



SCATTER RUGS ON
WAXED FLOORS ARE DECORATIVE,
— THEY PUT SUCK PRETTY LUMPS
ON YOUR HEAD!



WITH CHILDREN
AROUND, BE CAREFUL
OF BOILING LIQUIDS.

TOYS ON THE FLOOR
CAN CAUSE A FALL.



PICKING UP
AFTER JUNIOR
IS A
FULL-TIME
JOB!

AVOIDING
THIS DANGER
SEEMS
SIMPLE
TO POP, BUT,
— MOTHER KNOWS BETTER.



OH, OH!
IF YOU MUST
CLIMB UP ON SOMETHING,
USE A STEP LADDER



PARKING
A BROOM ON
THE CELLAR STAIRS
IS HANDY, — BUT IT MAY
MEAN A BROKEN NECK FOR
SOMEONE WHO DIDN'T KNOW IT WAS THERE.

WHEN THEY DON'T
TRIP FOLKS UP, THE
RUBBER WEARS OFF
AND MAYBE STARTS
A FIRE!



UNLESS
YOU CRAVE
CREMATION—

— DON'T
SMOKE
IN BED!

WATCH THOSE
LIGHT CORDS!

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BLISS

WORK and PLAY DON'T MIX!

YOU
GET AN
"ACCIDENT"
HANGOVER!



TRYING TO GET SOME "SAFETY" SENSE INTO THAT GUY'S HEAD IS DRIVING ME NUTS! I TELL HIM HORSEPLAY IS WHAT SETS HIM UP FOR ALL THOSE ACCIDENTS HE BLAMES ON HIS "BAD LUCK". HE "YESSES" MY EAR OFF — AND LOOK AT HIM NOW!

IT'S NO SENSE GETTING ALL STEAMED UP, BUTCH! ALL WE CAN DO IS TELL 'EM HOW TO KEEP AWAY FROM ACCIDENTS AND HANG ONTO THEIR HEALTH AND EARNING POWER. IF THEY WANT TO KICK 'EM IN THE TEETH, OK!

CLOWNING AROUND THOSE MACHINES AIN'T SO FUNNY IF YOU END UP IN A WHEEL-CHAIR, BUT TRY AND TELL 'EM THAT.

PRETTY PITCHIN' KID! NOW GIVE ME A LOOK AT YOUR COIVE!

DON'T HUNT NO FURTHER! WE GOT INDUSTRY'S ALL-STAR HALF WIT RIGHT HERE.

IT'S NO SKIN OFF OUR NOSE!

IF HE SHOVES A HAND IN THAT LOOM HE'LL THINK SOMEBODY PULLED A KNIFE ON HIM!

HUH! A FELLER WHO WRESTLES AROUND POWER-DRIVEN STUFF, AND BLOWS OUT HIS EARS WITH AN AIR-HOSE, AIN'T GONNA BE BAFFLED BY NO LOOM!

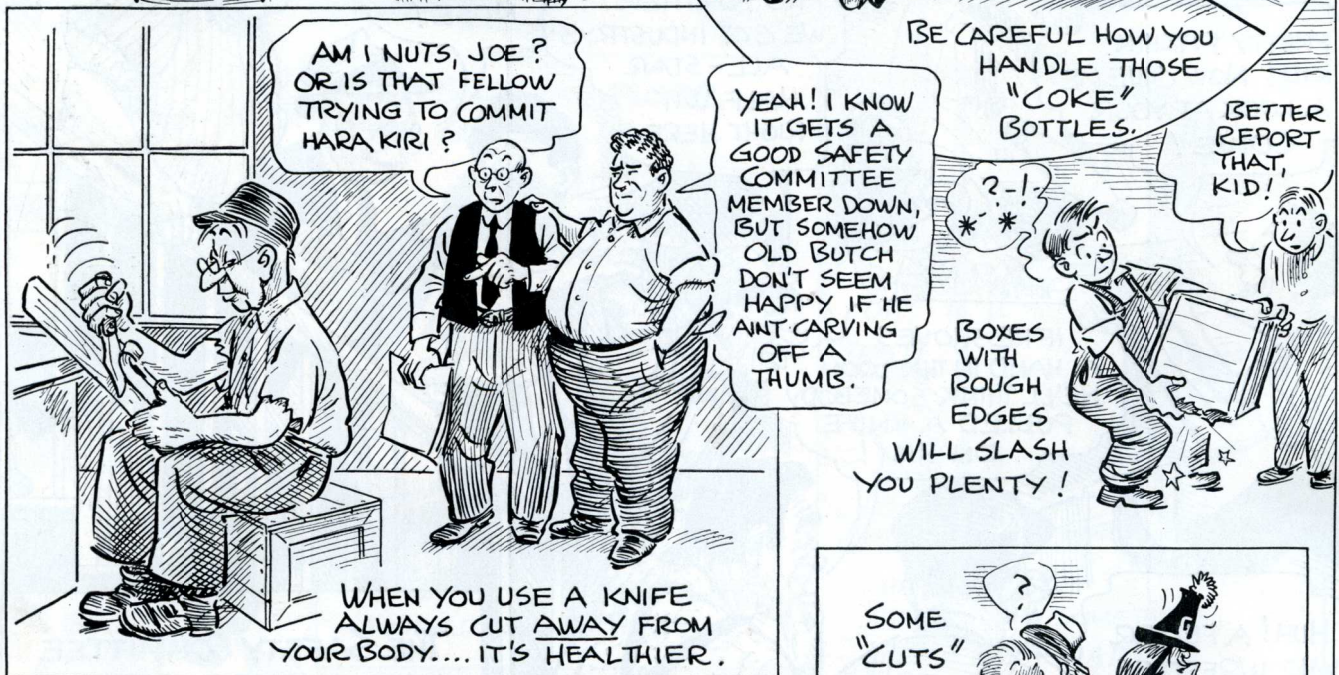
THE SAFETY COMMITTEE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW:

— WHY IS IT THAT A MAN WHO'S ALWAYS TOO TIRED TO PLAY BASEBALL WITH HIS KIDS AT HOME, THINKS HE'S TED WILLIAMS AS SOON AS SOMEBODY TOSSES HIM A BOBBIN'?

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CUTS

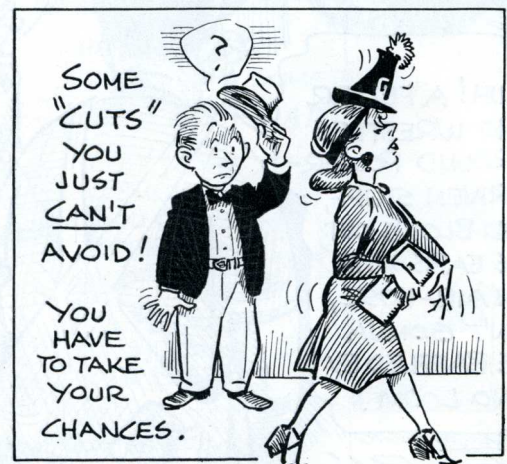
BE CAREFUL AND AVOID THEM!



WHEN YOU USE A KNIFE ALWAYS CUT AWAY FROM YOUR BODY.... IT'S HEALTHIER.



— JACK BLISS —

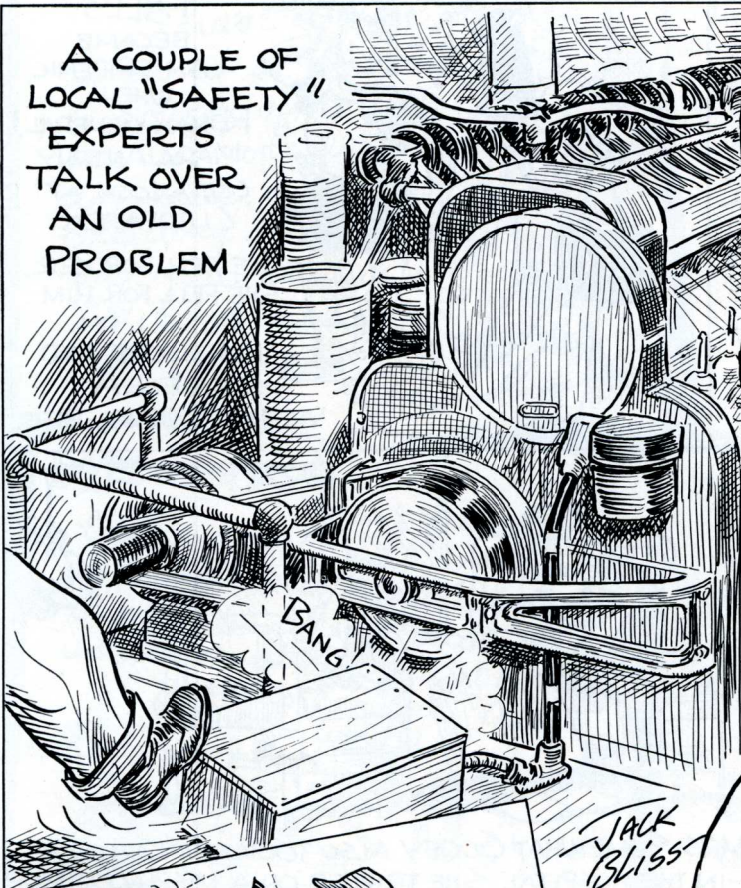


FIRES

DON'T
"JUST HAPPEN"
—THEY ARE CAUSED!



A COUPLE OF
LOCAL "SAFETY"
EXPERTS
TALK OVER
AN OLD
PROBLEM



THAT'S WHAT STARTS FIRES!
SHOVING STUFF LIKE THAT AGAINST
WIRES WILL BREAK THEM. THEN
COMES FIRE, SMOKE
AND WATER,
AND THIS JOINT
WILL BE A
SHAMBLES!
I'LL BETCHA
TWO BITS THAT HE
WON'T LOOK
TO SEE IF HE
BUSTED SOMETHIN'

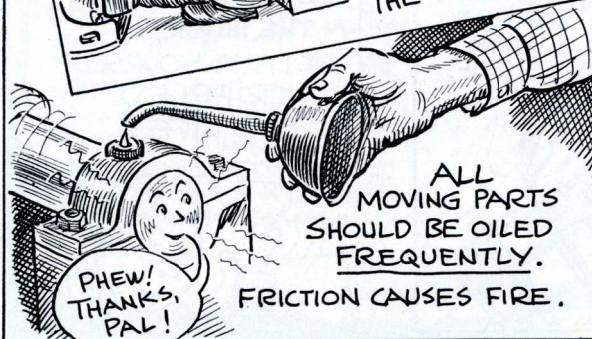
OK! AND HOW
ARE YOU GONNA
STOP IT? WE CAN'T
SLUG TH' GUY,
AND YOU KNOW
WE'VE TRIED
EVERYTHING ELSE!



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BLISS



WHEN
WORKING
AROUND
MOTORS
BE
CAREFUL
NOT TO
DAMAGE
THE WIRES.



ALL
MOVING PARTS
SHOULD BE OILED
FREQUENTLY.

FRICTION CAUSES FIRE.

PHEW!
THANKS,
PAL!



DON'T
LET WASTE,
LINT OR
COTTON
GET WRAPPED AROUND A
SHAFT. FRICTION WILL BUILD UP,
AND FINALLY THE STUFF
WILL CATCH FIRE.

AND DON'T
OVERLOOK THAT
CAUSE OF A FIRE
REPORTED AS
"UNKNOWN". THAT IS
THE BAD BABY!
UNTIL WE KNOW WHAT
CAUSED THAT FIRE,
WE CAN'T PREVENT
ITS TWIN BROTHER

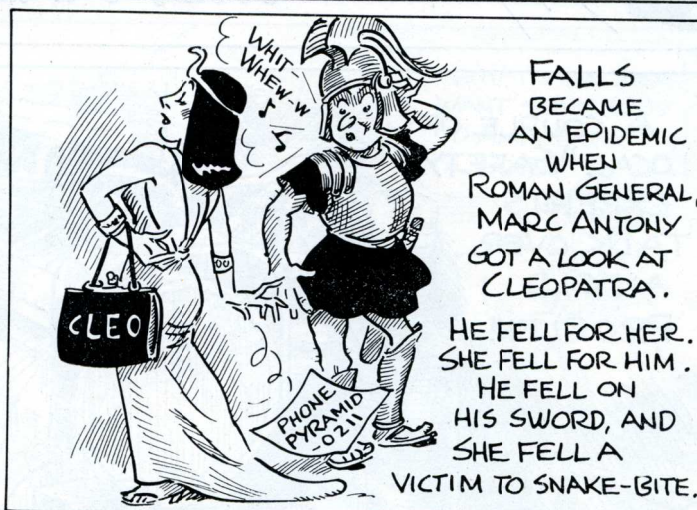


FALLS = SOME OF THEM HISTORIC, - ALL OF THEM PAINFUL.

EDUCATIONAL, HUH?

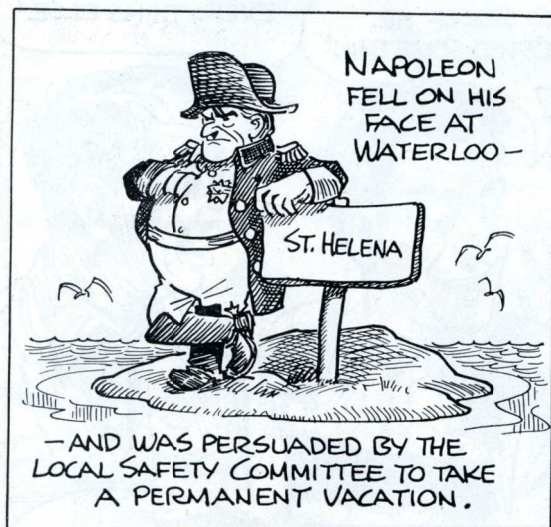


THE ALL-TIME "FALL" RECORD IS, OF COURSE, HELD BY ADAM!

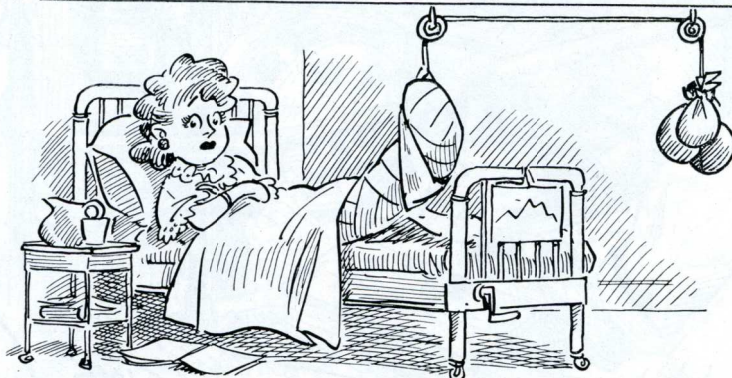


FALLS BECAME AN EPIDEMIC WHEN ROMAN GENERAL, MARC ANTONY GOT A LOOK AT CLEOPATRA.

HE FELL FOR HER. SHE FELL FOR HIM. HE FELL ON HIS SWORD, AND SHE FELL A VICTIM TO SNAKE-BITE.



- AND WAS PERSUADED BY THE LOCAL SAFETY COMMITTEE TO TAKE A PERMANENT VACATION.



MRS. SOMEWHAT GOOFY ALSO TOOK A VACATION - IN THE HOSPITAL. SHE TRIPPED ON A MISPLACED MOP AND FELL DOWN THE CELLAR STAIRS.



JOE B. CARELESS FORGOT TO CLEAN UP SOME WATER HE HAD SPILLED ON THE FLOOR. LATER ON, HE SLIPPED ON IT, AND THE HEAVY BOX HE WAS CARRYING DENTED MORE THAN HIS DIGNITY.



SO-O-O-O - SHE FELL, AND THE PARTY SHE WAS GETTING READY FOR HAD TO BE CALLED OFF.

BE CAREFUL AND AVOID FALLS. THEY ARE PAINFUL AND EXPENSIVE! NO RUSH IS WORTH THE RISK OF GETTING YOURSELF CRIPPLED FOR LIFE!



Dear Diary

PAGES FROM
THE INTIMATE
JOURNAL OF
DAT OLE DEBBLE, FIRE.



MONDAY

I have a nice job all lined up at the mill. A couple of looms are improperly adjusted. Lint is collecting. Just a bit more heat and I'll have things Smoking!



TUESDAY

Machinery is my favorite invention. When some careless guy neglects to lubricate a bearing, then I have fun. Those fixers who work carelessly on a machine are a help to me, too. When they damage a wire, I'm as good as in!



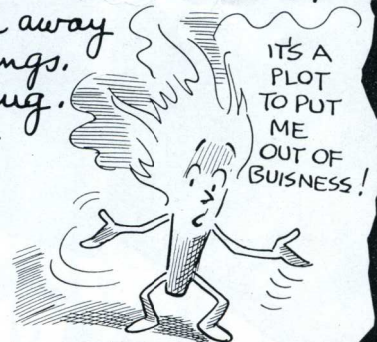
WEDNESDAY

Any fellow who bumps a truck into wiring is Santa Claus to me. Edison should have left electricity alone until he invented a gadget to make workers careful. But where would I be then?



THURSDAY

I have been counting on some dopey character at the mill getting careless. But where is he? Lint is cleaned away from the bearings. Wires are snug. Bearings are disgustingly lubricated. What goes on?



FRIDAY

I just found out! That Safety Committee has been blowing the whistle on me. Just when I work out a nice racket these people butt in. It burns me up.

THIS IS TERRIBLE!
THINK OF THE
UNEMPLOYED FIREMEN!
I'LL WRITE A LETTER TO
MY CONGRESSMAN!



SATURDAY

I'll haunt them, s'help me! Maybe they've got a fire hazard at home. I'll check on that. Just let me find some trash I can tip over against the heater, or some oily rags tucked under the stairs and I'll show them. Believe me, they get no rest period between rounds when they fight with Ole Debble Fire!

BELIEVE ME, FOLKS,
THAT IS NO
EMPTY
THREAT!



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